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DEATHS.

COLLACO.—On 28th December, at the French Hospital, Wanchai, FERNONILLA M. COLLACO, aged 74, Shanghai and Bangkok papers please copy. [1497]

KESWICK.—On 26th December, JAMES JOHNSTONE KESWICK, of Mahie, Dumfries. [1498]

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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, DECEMBER 30TH, 1914.

At the commencement of the European war, much speculation was indulged in as to its probable effects on China's finances, and in many quarters the hope, if not the belief, was expressed that it would, in the long run, prove the salvation of China—that with all possibility of securing further loans from foreign sources at an end, she would of necessity be compelled to reorganize her whole system so that she would become self-supporting and independent of extraneous aids. So far, however, there is no sign of this happening; the Government still seems incapable of taking long views and to be content to live from hand to mouth. One of the most extraordinary features is the incurable optimism that the Government continues to display in this connection: we are told, for instance, that the revenue of Kwangsi is a million dollars or so above the estimate, and that all sorts of rewards had been distributed to the provincial authorities in recognition of their good work in achieving this result, but nothing is said about the soldiers who are left

unpaid or of the fact that the expenditure of the province is in excess of the revenue. The same curious characteristic was shown in a recent financial conference held at Peking: the fact that, according to the statement of accounts, the Internal Loan had produced \$16,000,000 and that no difficulty was anticipated in disposing of the \$10,000,000 of Premium Bonds (or State Lottery Tickets) issued by the Sin-hua Savings Bank was thought sufficiently encouraging to justify the President in saying that "China will be able to meet her obligations to the Powers without foreign assistance, and also provide for administrative and other expenses during the coming year." It passes our comprehension how any man of business, let alone a man so astute as LIANG SHIH-YI, can derive so much encouragement from the fact that the Government has raised, by exceptional means that can scarcely be applied again with any hope of success, a sum of three million pounds, which is, moreover, liable to be refunded in the future and also carries extra charges with it. In short, the attitude of the Chinese Government towards its Internal Loan and its State Premium Bonds proves simply that there is no prospect at present of raising in China a revenue equivalent to the expenditure. The Government has, perhaps, some ground for being gratified at the apparent success of the Internal Loan, even though the actual yield is only a fraction of the amount originally proposed, and though to obtain this slight measure of success it has been necessary for the officials to turn themselves into advertising agents. In spite of all this, the fact that the people and merchants of China should be willing to lend even so much to the Government is a testimonial to the general confidence in it. This does not, however, do much to ease the financial strain; still less can it be taken as indicating that a further Internal Loan would yield anything approaching the total of the last, and all the time there are, to take only one item, soldiers demanding their pay with so much insistence that in some places the officials have had to sell the State property—yarns—in order to be able to give them a little on account of arrears. The Government seems determined to postpone facing the inevitable as long as possible, but it will not be able to do so indefinitely: sooner or later it will have to find some economic source of revenue. It has, it must be conceded, done a little in this respect already in at last putting the Stamp Duties, originally enacted five or six years ago, into effect, but what is still needed is some substantial, reliable, and regular source of income which will ensure the equilibrium of the national balance sheet. We are inclined to think that in the long run it will be the reorganization of her land tax that she will have to turn, though we can well understand that the magnitude of the task gives pause to her financiers. There are many improvements in her present taxes which would secure her a greater income than she now derives, but if China is to have a revenue compatible with the position she ought to take in the world, there is nowhere save to the land tax that she can look for it in the present state of affairs. It is, of course, impossible to blind ourselves to all the difficulties and even dangers that might attend such a change, although, according to Sir ROBERT HART's estimate, it need not cause hardship to anyone—his memorandum, it will be remembered, provided for a uniform tax of 200 cash per mou (say, \$1 per acre), which, he estimated, would yield \$800,000,000 per annum. In any case, we still refuse to believe that there is no alternative for China save repeated loans or bankruptcy, or that she is so impoverished a land that it is a permanent impossibility for her to meet her comparatively moderate annual expenses.

The inmates of No. 325, Queen's Road West were startled by discovering a strange man on the premises at half-past one in the morning. The intruder failed to give any satisfactory explanation of his presence, and accordingly he was handed over to the custody of the West Point Police. He was prosecuted by Inspector P. O'Sullivan at the Magistracy yesterday as a suspect, and was sent to prison for two months.

In the course of her tour round the World Miss Ada Reeve, who was crossing from Australia to India, was violently thrown by a roll of the ship and sustained internal injuries. Complications set in and Miss Reeve was taken to England, where her medical adviser, Dr. Christopher Martin, pronounced that an operation was necessary. An operation was successfully performed and Miss Reeve is now reported to be out of danger. The unfortunate accident compelled the popular little actress to cancel her Christmas season engagement at the Calcutta Empire, and indeed to postpone indefinitely her tour to the Far East.

A meeting of the Legislative Council is convened for to-morrow, when the principal business will be the further consideration of the resolution to advance \$348,898.93 out of the funds in the custody of the Government for the construction of the Kowloon-Canton Railway (British Section) during the year 1914.

There appeared before Mr. F. A. Hazeland at the Magistracy yesterday, a Chinese who was charged with returning from banishment. The police proved that the man had been banished on no fewer than four occasions, the last time for 20 years. The Magistrate, in sentencing the man to imprisonment for twelve months, warned him not to come to the Colony again. If he did, he would be sent for trial, and the Chief Justice would probably sentence him to five years' hard labour.

Detective-Sergeant Pincott charged a Chinese who was a passenger by the *Catfish* from Victoria (British Columbia) with being in unlawful possession of a Mauser pistol and 160 rounds of ammunition. The defendant had shown the utmost care in concealing the contraband. The pistol had been taken to pieces and the various parts hidden among his luggage, while a tea cosy, pillow, and other articles had been brought into service for the concealment of the ammunition. Sergt. Pincott said the man was arrested as he was on his way back to China. He did not view the case as a very serious one. His Worship ordered the pistol and ammunition to be confiscated, and fined defendant \$10.

The usual fortnightly meeting of the Sanitary Board was held yesterday. The President of the Department (Mr. G. N. Orme) presided, and there were also present:—The Vice-President (Hon. Mr. A. F. Churchill), Hon. Mr. Hallifax, Dr. Fitzwilliams, Mr. F. B. L. Bowley, Mr. Ng Hon Tsz, and Mr. Chan Kai Ming, with Dr. Francis Clark (Medical Officer of Health), Dr. W. W. Pearce (Assistant Medical Officer of Health), and Mr. W. Bowen-Rowlands (Secretary). The Board considered two applications for permission to erect water-closets, one at the Jockey Club, and the other at a certain house to be erected on Kowloon Island Lot 1280. The former was granted, and the latter refused.

EXTRAORDINARY SHOOTING ACCIDENT.

A SENTRY WITH A DEFECTIVE RIFLE.

At the Magistracy yesterday an enquiry was conducted by the Coroner (Mr. F. A. Hazeland), and a jury composed of Messrs. F. G. Chungyut, F. X. Ribiero, and C. A. Rodriguez, into the circumstances attending the death of a Chinese stonecutter named Wong Yau, who died as the result of a bullet-wound inflicted on the 5th inst. at Tai-tam-tuk.

A Sepoy of the 74th Punjab Regiment deposed that on noon on the 5th December he relieved a sentry on duty at Tai-tam-tuk. Soon after he took up his post, he discovered that the rifle he had taken with him did not belong to him. Orders were that sentries must keep their guns loaded, and on examining the gun he found it was not loaded. At that moment he saw a number of Chinese in front of him. He stepped back and loaded the rifle. The Chinese were not visible from the place where he loaded the rifle. Witness closed the breech and the "cut-off" pulled the bolt backwards and forwards twice, and then again closed the breech. He then tried the trigger, in order to see if everything was in order, when the gun went off. Witness then noticed that a Chinese, who was ten paces away, was lying down. He did not see the Chinese there when he was loading his rifle. All the cartridges had been placed in the magazine, according to orders, and the breech was empty. He afterwards found that the "cut-off" was loose, and he thought the accident was due to this. A cartridge must have come up from the magazine owing to the defective "cut-off."

Armourer-Sergeant Avenell, of the Hongkong Volunteers, said that the "cut-off" was defective. The mere shaking of the gun might loosen it from its position.

In answer to Mr. H. L. Denny's (who appeared in the interests of deceased's relatives), witness said that he would never allow a gun whose "cut-off" was so defective to be issued.

Dr. J. T. Smalley deposed that on the 6th December he saw the body of the deceased. There was a wound on the head just behind and above the left eye, and another on the other side of the head, above the right ear. The left wound was caused by the entry of a bullet, and the other was caused by the exit of the bullet. The cause of death was fracture of the skull and laceration of the brain.

His Worship, addressing the jury, said they had to decide whether death was the result of an accident or of criminal negligence. The Indian sentry took somebody else's rifle instead of his own, and he ought to have seen before he pulled the trigger that there was nobody near, but he put it to them that they could not say that the sentry had shown negligence, or so gross a description as to amount to criminal negligence.

The jury returned a verdict of Death by Misadventure.

TELEGRAMS.

["DAILY PRESS" EXCLUSIVE SERVICE.]

URGA PALACE DESTROYED BY FIRE.

VALUABLE ANTIQUITIES BURNED.

PERKING, December 28th.

The Hutuktu's Palace at Urga has been destroyed by fire and valuable antiquities have been burnt.

THE REPUBLIC AND THE MANCHU COURT.

A NEW AGREEMENT.

PERKING, December 28th.

The Manchu Court has subscribed a new agreement to respect the laws and customs of the Republic. It also adopts the Western Calendar, rewards [by the ex-Emperor] are restricted to gifts, and there are to be no pensions and no posthumous honours.

A RUSSO-CHINESE ASSOCIATION.

PERKING, December 28th.

A Russo-Chinese Association is being formed in the Capital.

[FROM THE "CABLENEWS-AMERICAN."]

BOMBARDING ZEPPELIN SHEDS AT BRUSSELS.

WASHINGTON, December 22nd.

British and French aviators have bombarded the Zeppelin sheds at Brussels. The sheds are reported to be on fire.

GERMANY ASKS FOR SWEDEN'S HELP.

Copenhagen reports that Germany has asked Sweden to assist her, offering in return the Baltic islands and a protectorate over Finland. Sweden has refused this request as a result of the conference of the three Scandinavian countries.

THE BRITISH ARMY.

London reports that Great Britain by Spring will have a force of 2,000,000 men under arms. Preparations are now being made to send a fresh contingent of 500,000 men to the front.

IN BERLIN.

"IT IS BEGINNING TO BE REALISED."

[OSTATISCHER LLOYD UEBERSEHENDST.]

BERLIN, December 22nd.

It is beginning to be realized here that the victory over the Germans cannot insure against the danger of a Russian invasion for all time. The victory, complete as it was, did not entirely crush the Russian army, whose rear guards are now engaging the German troops with a view of saving the main Russian army and at the same time permit reinforcements to come up. There is confidence here, though, that General von Hindenburg will be able to finish what he has commenced.

ALLEGED MURDER IN POK LO DISTRICT.

Detective-Inspector J. Watt appeared for the Police in a case in which the Chinese Government applied for the extradition of one Lui Loi, alias Lui Mui, a native of a village in the Pok Lo district of the Kwangtung Province. The defendant is charged with murdering one Wong Ah Fat at the house of Wong Pak Sheng, in the Chau Ka Hang village, Pok Lo district, on the 11th October.

The case was remanded until Tuesday.

A CHINESE COOK'S TALE.

"REVOLVERS AND AMMUNITION FOR TINGTAU."

A Chinese cook who was charged before Mr. J. R. Wood at the Magistracy yesterday with being in unlawful possession of one Mauser pistol, two revolvers, and 910 rounds of ammunition related an extraordinary story. He stated that he was given the arms and ammunition whilst his ship was at Hamburg, and was told to take them to Tingtau. Eight days out of Hamburg the Captain of the vessel upon which he was serving received a telegram announcing that war had broken out. The ship was afraid to go to the East, and went into a Turkish port, where she remained for three months. Defendant then came to Hongkong in another steamer. "The American Consul in Turkey asked the British Consul there to allow me to go back in a Blue Funnel boat, and I was allowed to do so," he declared.

THE HONGKONG TRAMWAY COMPANY, LIMITED.

The following are the Company's figures for the week ending 26th December, 1914:—

Receipts	\$10,038
Decrease compared with corresponding week last year	506
Aggregate to date	52
No. of weeks	\$577,561
Total	\$577,561
Increase to date	\$28,996

DEATH OF MR. J. J. KESWICK.

Many old residents will read with regret the announcement of the death of Mr. J. J. Keswick, who some years ago was in charge of the firm of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co.'s interests in Hongkong. Mr. J. J. Keswick, who was a younger brother of the late Mr. William Keswick, M.P., and uncle of Mr. Henry Keswick, M.P., spent about twenty-five years in the East. He came out in 1876 and resided for many years in Shanghai, where he was prominently identified with the life of the port, as he afterwards was with the life of Hongkong. In 1884 Mr. Keswick married at the Legation Chapel at Peking the eldest daughter of Sir Harry Parkes, then the British Minister at the Chinese Capital. Mr. Keswick was at that time Chairman of the Municipal Council at Shanghai. He came to Hongkong about the year 1890 to succeed Mr. J. J. Bell-Irving, and he remained here for eleven years, returning to England in 1901. Mr. Keswick sat on the Executive and Legislative Councils of the Colony, served for three years as Vice-Chairman and for two years (1893 and 1894) as Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce. He was on the Directorate of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation and the boards of many other local companies.

DEATH OF MR. E. H. DE ST. CROIX.

We regret to record the death of Mr. E. H. de St. Croix, who passed away at his residence, 35, Sinza Road, Shanghai, late last Wednesday night. His death was sudden, occurring after only two days' illness. Mr. St. Croix, the son of a former Deputy Commissioner of Customs, joined the Service at Shanghai in 1861, and was stationed at various places, principally in South China, and eventually was appointed as first Assistant at Shanghai, where he has served for a number of years, becoming very well-known and esteemed. Quite recently he returned from Home leave and resumed his duties, apparently in excellent health, so that the news of his death must come as a painful surprise to his many friends. The deceased, who was 41 years of age, leaves a widow and one son, to whom much sympathy will be extended in the bereavement which has so suddenly come upon them.—N.C. Daily News.

ELLIS KADOORIE SCHOOL SPORTS.

The annual sports day in connection with the Ellis Kadoorie School took place at Happy Valley yesterday, under the most favourable conditions. Racing was always keen, and some of the finishes were most exciting. There was a large attendance of pupils and friends who enthusiastically cheered the successful competitors. The various masters were the racing officials and at the close the prizes were presented by Mr. W. Logan. Details:—

100 YARDS (Senior C.)—1, Ng Hung Tai; 2, Tsang Yuk Wing; 3, Shiu Pui Kan.
200 YARDS HANDICAP (Over 15)—1, Tsang Yuk Wing; 2, Chan Hung; 3, Ng Hung Tai.
220 YARDS (Under 16)—1, Hi Chun Kai; 2, Leung Kwok Lam; 3, Lo Yee Ki.
HIGT JUMP (S.C.)—1, Tsang Yuk Wing; 2, Ng Hung Tai. Height, 4 ft. 9½ inches.
100 YARDS HANDICAP (Under 16)—1, Yee Shun Pui; 2, Ho Chun Kai; 3, Lam Yuk Ying.
100 YARDS HANDICAP (Over 15)—1, Tsang Fuk Yee; 2, Tsang Yuk Wing; 3, Ng Shu Kwong.
SACK RACE—1, Ng Shu Kwong; 2, So Mun; 3, Pun Yau Bak.
440 YARDS (S.C.)—1, Tsang Yuk Wing; 2, Leung Yui Kin; 3, Chan Hang.
THREE-LEGGED RACE—1, Chan Chak Yee and Ho Ka Yen; 2, Tsang Yuk Yee and Chan Ki Yan.

440 YARDS HANDICAP (Under 15)—1, Leung Kwok Lam; 2, Hi Chun Kai; 3, Lam Yuk Ying.
OLD BOYS' RACE (300 Yards)—1, Chan Man Woon; 2, Chin Hon Soon.
LONG JUMP (S.C.)—1, Wong Chung Yau; 2, Tsang Yuk Wing.
HALF MILE HANDICAP (Under 15)—1, Leung Kwok Lam; 2, Leung Kwok Sun; 3, Lam Yuk Ying.
THROWING THE CRICKET BALL—1, Wong Chung Yau; 2, Shiu Pui Kan.
HALF MILE (S.C.)—1, Tsang Yuk Wing; 2, Mak Tze Tai; 3, Lo Kwong Chun.
OBSTACLE RACE—1, Shiu Pui Kan; 2, Tsang Yuk Wing; 3, Ng Hung Tai.
450 YARDS HANDICAP—1, Hi Chun Kai; 2, Tsang Yuk Wing; 3, Wong Chung Yau.
TEAM RACE (Invitation)—St. Paul's College.

A HONGKONG NUISANCE TO BE STOPPED.

A few days since the Crown Solicitor (Mr. P. M. Hodgson) prosecuted two chair coolies with the object of establishing a conviction on a charge of soliciting for hire. The Magistrate (Mr. J. R. Wood) then reserved his decision, and it was delivered at the Magistracy yesterday.

His Worship held that it was an offence to hail passengers from the chair-stand, and said he proposed to convict the coolies. He would only warn them on this occasion, but in future he would fine convicted offenders.

This is the first conviction of its kind, as hitherto it was held that it was no offence to call for passengers, provided that the coolies caused no obstruction to traffic by leaving their stand.

NOTES FROM PEKING.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

THE WORSHIP OF HEAVEN.

PEKING, December 16th.

The ceremony of the Worship of Heaven to be performed by the President on the 23rd instant is arousing more interest than the war or the premium bonds. Some newspapers comment on the fact that the route to the Temple of Heaven is being covered with yellow earth, as was done when the Emperor performed this ceremony, but this matter is not worth the special attention bestowed upon it. Those who have made up their minds that Yuan Shih-kai aspires to the Throne find substantiation of this belief in almost every act of His Excellency, but, as I remarked before in these notes, Yuan regards his office rather than his personality as the direct successor to the duties undertaken by the Throne. Hence his assumption of those official duties which were the prerogative of the Throne, duties which mean so much in the life of the Chinese. On the occasion under notice the President will leave the Palace at 4 a.m., and on arrival at the Temple will don the ceremonial robes, purify his hands, and mount the altar to conduct the time-honoured ceremony of worshipping Heaven. It is interesting to hear that the Manchu signs hung over the various entrances are to be replaced by Chinese signs.

PERSONAL.

There have been a number of personal movements to record this week. Mr. Hioki, the Japanese Minister, returned from his short visit to his native land and from a short visit to Tsingtau. His Excellency Mr. G. O. Wallenberg, who has been here for a few weeks meeting Swedish Consuls from different places in China, returned to Tokyo to-day. Major-General Walter, the Russian Military Attaché, left on Tuesday for Petrograd to take up a new appointment, and his successor, General Morel, who arrived a few days earlier, presented his credentials to the President the previous day.

THE CUSTOMS PROBLEM.

It is doubtful if the agitation concerning the appointment of Japanese to the Customs service in Tsingtau is as deep as appears on the surface. At any rate, the attitude of the Japanese Minister is calculated to have a good effect. He advises China to realise that while Tsingtau is under military occupation there can be no administration of any kind conducted which is not a part of this military organisation. The Convention under which Germany held Kiaochow and allowed the Chinese Customs to function in Tsingtau has been annulled by the Japanese seizure of the place, and consequently the Chinese cannot quote that Convention as a precedent for Japanese procedure.

FREE EDUCATION.

Another instance of the Chinese disregard of the practical was the discussion which took place at the State Council yesterday on a Bill presented by the Education Association of Peking advocating free education. The educationalists simply borrow ideas from the West and regardless of whether they are applicable to China, or opportune, they present them with all the eloquence associated with the zealous reformers of China. Free education is undoubtedly an ideal which should be impressed upon the Government, but the discussion of such a proposal at the present time when money is so urgently needed for more pressing matters is simply a waste of time.

A MUSIC CLUB.

A week ago I mentioned that the first concert on Western lines given by Chinese in Peking had been successfully carried out. Now, it is noteworthy that progress is being made in this direction, as the First High School in Peking has organised a club for the encouragement of the study of foreign music.

THE IMPERIAL CURIO.

The Chancellor of the Imperial Household has asked the Peking Chamber of Commerce to value the ancient paintings and other treasures from the Mukden Palace which are now kept in the newly-opened museum, and the Chamber has estimated their value at two million taels. Some years ago they were valued at Tls. 1,500,000 by Messrs. Arnold, Karberg & Co., but Prince Cheng refused to sell at that price.

A JAPANESE ON ENGLAND'S BULL-DOG QUALITIES.

A Japanese who is writing from England a series of letters on England in war-time remarks: "If the symbol of Germany is sausage, that of Britain is the bull-dog. This national symbol may have been chosen because of the pure origin of the bull-dog. That it waits calmly and bites at the right time, and never lets you go, even if it is killed, well represents the English character. England is slow, but accomplishes her purpose after all. A Japanese might say, 'What a trouble, I would rather die,' and in this case John Bull escapes from the danger and returns to his work again slowly but surely. An enemy, he is certainly frightful."

THE WAR.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

IMPORTANT RUSSIAN SUCCESSES.

GERMAN ATTACKS IN POLAND EVERYWHERE REPULSED.

ENEMY RETREATING PRECIPITATELY IN THE CARPATHIANS.

LONDON, December 29th.
2.15 a.m.

A Petrograd communiqué says:—

The German attacks in Central Poland have been everywhere repulsed with heavy loss.

The enemy are retreating precipitately in the Carpathians. On the 28th inst. 5,000 officers and men were captured.

The Russians took 15,000 in a week's fighting south of the Upper Vistula.

The enemy's attempt to reinforce the troops in the Carpathians was frustrated.

THE OPERATIONS IN FRANCE AND BELGIUM.

LONDON, December 29th.
4.55 p.m.

To-day's Paris communiqué says:—

We continued to advance west of Lombartzyde, and reached the foot of the dunes on which the enemy had established a line of resistance.

We lost a section of trenches south of Ypres, near Hollebeke, but in the Lens region, near Carancy, we captured 800 metres of the enemy's first line of trenches.

There has been intermittent cannonading along the Aisne and in Champagne. Cannonading was especially intense in the districts around Rheims and Perthes, the enemy devoting special attention to the positions we had captured.

We progressed slightly along the whole front on the heights of the Meuse.

The enemy bombarded the railway station at St. Die, but the railway service was not interrupted.

A German counter-attack north-east of Steinback was repulsed.

THE FIGHTING LAST WEEK.

LONDON, December 28th.
8.25 p.m.

The Eye-witness at Headquarters says that fighting on the 21st December continued with determination. Our efforts were directed to the lessening of a small gap in our Centre. The Germans were gradually driven back, but made a fresh effort in the afternoon, and our men, in face of a severe three-sided fire, were compelled to retire from the village which they were holding. The British were reinforced, and stormed the village, firmly re-establishing themselves in the trenches. The French troops co-operated, rendering most valuable assistance.

The next day, after an all-night fight, we advanced and seized a German line of trenches. The position being too exposed, we retired to our original line, and secured a firmer hold on the village.

The fighting throughout was over a veritable quagmire.

It was evident on the 23rd inst. that the force of the enemy's attack was spent. They did not attempt a further advance, having suffered severe loss.

Action on the 24th inst. was confined to mortars and hand grenades, but the Belgians and Frenchmen progressed at several points between the British forces and the sea.

PROMOTIONS FOR DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT.

LONDON, December 29th.

The London Gazette announces that temporary Brigadier-General R. C. B. Haking, C.B., commanding the 5th Infantry Brigade, and temporary Brigadier-General F. C. Shaw, who was in 1912 General Staff Officer, 1st grade, to the Scottish Command, have been promoted Major-Generals for distinguished conduct in the field.

[Havas Telegrams.]

THE QUESTION OF JAPAN'S MILITARY INTERVENTION IN EUROPE.

PARIS, December 27th.

The Temps, commenting on the dissolution of the Japanese Parliament in consequence of its refusing to vote credits proposed for increasing the garrison in Korea, declares that the crisis has nothing to do with the forwarding of Japanese troops to Europe, but diplomatic meetings and conversations regarding the intervention of the Japanese army in Europe, it says, are being actually pursued.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

FIERCE GALE AND SNOWFALL IN ENGLAND.

LONDON, December 29th.

This has been the wettest December on record. It culminated last night in a very fierce gale and fall of snow.

Three houses were wrecked at Clapham, one person being killed and three injured. Many casualties are reported in the country.

A terrible sea is running in the English Channel.

TELEGRAPH SERVICE TO THE CONTINENT INTERRUPTED.

The hurricane has interrupted the telegraph service between England and the Continent.

BRITISH PUBLIC WARNED AGAINST AN AIRCRAFT RAID.

LONDON, December 29th.

The Naval and Military Authorities call the attention of persons using the streets to the danger of fragments of shells and bullets from guns that may be used against hostile aircraft attempting to raid London. Civilians are warned to keep under cover, preferably in the basements of houses on hearing the sound of firing.

GERMANY AND THE AMERICAN CONSULS IN BELGIUM.

LONDON, December 29th.

A Washington telegram reports that Germany has formally notified the State Department that American Consuls in Belgium must be acceptable to the German military authorities and that it is desirable that some Consuls should be withdrawn temporarily.

[OFFICIAL TELEGRAMS FROM THE BRITISH FOREIGN OFFICE.]

THE NOVEL COMBAT OFF CUXHAVEN.

SOME FURTHER DETAILS.

The Admiralty announces that on 24th instant German warships lying in Schilling Roads off Cuxhaven were attacked by seven British naval seaplanes. The attack was delivered at daylight, starting from a point in the vicinity of Heligoland. The seaplanes were escorted by a light cruiser and destroyer force, together with submarines. As soon as these ships were seen by the Germans from Heligoland, two Zeppelins, three or four hostile seaplanes and several hostile submarines attacked them. It was necessary for the British ships to remain in the neighbourhood in order to pick up returning airmen, and a novel combat ensued between the most modern cruisers on one hand and the enemy's aircraft and submarines on the other. By swift manœuvring the enemy's submarines were avoided and the two Zeppelins were easily put to flight by the guns of the Undaunted and Arethusa.

The enemy's seaplanes succeeded in dropping their bombs near to our ships, though without hitting any. The British ships remained for three hours off the enemy's coast without being molested by any surface vessel and safely re-embarked three out of seven airmen with their machines. Three other pilots, who returned later, were picked up according to arrangement by British submarines which were standing by, their machines being sunk.

Six out of seven pilots, therefore, returned safely. Flight Commander Francis E. T. Hewlett is, however, missing. His machine was seen in a wrecked condition about eight miles from Heligoland, and the fate of this daring and skilful pilot is at present unknown.

The extent of the damage by the British airmen's bombs cannot be estimated, but all were discharged on points of military significance.

BRITISH AIRMAN DROPS BOMBS ON AN AIRSHIP SHED IN BRUSSELS.

On Thursday last Squadron Commander Davies of the Naval Air Service visited Brussels in a biplane for the purpose of dropping 12 bombs on an airship shed reported to contain a German Parseval. Eight of these bombs, of which six are believed to have hit, were discharged at the first attack and the remaining four on the return flight. Owing to the clouds of smoke which arose from the shed the effect could not be distinguished.

LOST REFUGEE SHIP.

DELIBERATELY SUNK BY GERMAN TORPEDO.

The Press Bureau on the 26th ult. issued the following announcement made by the Secretary of the Admiralty:—

On October 26th, 1914, the French passenger steamer *Amiral Ganteaume* was on passage from Calais to Havre, with upwards of 2,000 unarmed refugees, including a very large proportion of women and children, on board, when a violent explosion occurred.

By pure chance and the greatest good fortune the British steamship *Queen* was within a short distance of the *Amiral Ganteaume*, and succeeded in rescuing most of the passengers, only about forty being killed.

Subsequent examination of one of the damaged lifeboats of the vessel has led to the discovery of a fragment of a German torpedo.

The presence of this fragment proves that the vessel was torpedoed by a German submarine.

This action of destroying with aim and deliberation in broad daylight a defenceless passenger ship full of refugees is, on the whole, the best specimen of German methods yet recorded.

GERMAN AIRCRAFT.

Aircraft builders in Germany have completely given up constructing monoplane of the Taube type and are now building nothing but biplanes of designs based on French models. The three most important German builders are turning out 14 machines a week. The German aeronautical losses since the beginning of the war have been considerable. Up to October 15th, 52 pilots had been killed or were missing and over 100 machines had been put out of action.

Hon. Mr. E. A. Hewett, C.M.G., has been re-appointed a member of the Sanitary Board for a period of three years.

SHIPPING NOTES.

SHIPPING IN HONGKONG HARBOUR.

Yesterday at noon there were 70 merchant ships in the harbour, not counting the prizes captured during the war. The total, which is a record since the war began, was made up as follows:—

British	37
Japanese	15
Norwegians	8
French	4
Chinese	4
American	2
Russian	1
Portuguese	1
Dutch	1

This is a larger total than was usual in the months preceding the war. No warships are included in the above figures.

NEW STEAMSHIP LINES TO MANILA.

A Manila contemporary reports that Mr. J. P. T. Walen, of the Royal Netherlands and Rotterdam Lloyd Steamship Companies, announced to Governor-General Harrison that the lines which he represents intend to establish a regular trade route between Java and New York via Manila and the Panama Canal. It is expected that at least one ship a month will be placed upon this run and some of these vessels are as large as twelve thousand tons. These companies have recently taken over the Standard Oil contracts for transportation from New York to the Dutch East Indies.

Mr. Walen was presented to the Governor-General by P. K. A. Meerkamp van Embden, the Consul for the Netherlands in Manila.

JAPANESE SHIPPING LINES AND SUBSIDIES.

According to the Tokyo *Asahi*, the Government's decision to grant subsidies to the Osaka Shosen Kaisha and the Nippon Yusen Kaisha for operating services to Pigeon Sound, from the next fiscal year, has caused surprise to the former Company, which was under the impression that it would be the only concern to receive a subsidy for operating on this route. The Osaka Shosen Kaisha has, therefore, addressed a letter to the Government, demanding a change in its programme, but the Government has signified its inability to make any change. Under these circumstances, the Company submitted a petition to the Government on the 17th instant, explaining the disadvantage at which it would be placed in case the present programme is enforced, and asking, in case the Government is unable to make any change, that it be given a subsidy for a service to Europe, which it will operate with four steamers.

The paper explains that the decision of the Government to grant subsidies to both companies on the new northern route is the outcome of the abandonment of the proposed Panama Line, which has necessitated changes in the original plans of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha.

FIRE ON A N.Y.K. LINER.

The Nippon Yusen Kaisha steamer *Kaguchi-maru*, which is engaged in the Calcutta service, left Moji recently for Singapore direct, but fire broke out in her bunkers and the vessel had to put into Nagasaki. We learn from the *Nagasaki Press* that no damage was sustained by the ship and the voyage was to be resumed after only a day's delay.

JAPANESE STEAMSHIP SERVICE TO TSINGTAO.

The Osaka Shosen Kaisha, acting under Government orders, is about to inaugurate a steamship service between Osaka and Tsingtao, via Kobe and Moji. The fares will be as follows:—
First-class—Single, ¥50; return, ¥50;
Second-class—Single, ¥30; return, ¥30;
Third-class—Single, ¥10; return, ¥10.

MERCHANT SHIPS WARNED.

OBEEDIENCE TO ADMIRALTY ORDERS.

The Board of Trade remind owners and merchants that:—

It is an essential feature of the Government War Risks Insurance Scheme that all insured ships must obey implicitly all orders and directions given by the Admiralty as to routes, ports of call, stoppages, etc.

To avoid misapprehension on this point, the Board wish it to be clearly understood that this provision is intended to secure the safety of both ship and cargo, and that any deviation which may be rendered necessary in consequence of Admiralty orders or directions is in the interest of the cargo as well as of the ship. It is important that this fact should be borne in mind by all parties concerned in the shipment or carriage of goods on insured ships, and that in contracts of carriage the shipowners' obligation to comply with the Admiralty requirements should be fully recognized.

There is, unfortunately, reason to believe that many merchants and merchant charterers have been declining to permit a "deviation clause" to be inserted in their charter parties and bills of lading, says the *Times*. Such action has interfered with the working of the War Risks Insurance Scheme because a ship in respect of which a policy has been issued would be uninsured if the captain failed to follow the instruction of the Admiralty. It can only be described as shortsighted and unpatriotic. Some inconvenience may be caused by the deviation of ships under naval instructions; but private considerations in this matter should be entirely subordinate to public interest—the safe conduct of British commerce.

THE RAID ON THE ENGLISH COAST.

LONDON, December 17th.

It is understood that soon after the Germans started shelling Harlepool, four British destroyers steamed out and engaged them.

An eye-witness at Scarborough says there is much debris in the square near the railway station. The enemy also evidently attacked the wireless station. The military were well prepared. Artillery was ready and the infantry were entrenched. Numbers of houses were destroyed. The historic Abbey was partially wrecked. The cruisers disappeared to the north-eastward.

Harlepool telegrams say that much damage was done there. One shell hit the gasometer and set the gas ablaze. The warships are variously estimated at from two to six. They were visible for twenty-five minutes.

A Redcar message states that the forms of three cruisers were discerned looming through the haze. The flashes of the guns were easily observed from the promenade, from which the public were eventually removed by the military. It appeared as if the warships were attacking the forts on the Tees. Distinct double flashes could be seen for two minutes. Considerable alarm was felt at Redcar.

THE TSINGTAO CUSTOMS.

DISPUTE BETWEEN CHINA AND JAPAN.

WHICH IS TO APPOINT THE STAFF?

The Peking correspondent of the *N. C. Daily News* writing on the 22nd inst. says:—

No settlement has yet been reached in connection with the controversy which has arisen between the Chinese and Japanese Governments regarding the staff and control of the Maritime Customs at Tsingtao. Japan having objected to China's appointment of Mr. Tachibana, Commissioner of Customs at Tairon, to be Commissioner of Customs at Tsingtao, demanded the right to nominate her own candidates selected from Japanese not in the employment of the Chinese Customs. She therefore submitted the names of eight Japanese for appointment as Commissioner, Deputy Commissioner and Assistants, but China refused to accept them on the grounds that Japan has no right to make such appointments or expect their acceptance.

In order to meet Japan to some extent, China has expressed her willingness to appoint to the vacant posts eight Japanese on the understanding that they enter the service at the bottom of the ladder, Mr. Tachibana, however, to be Commissioner at Tsingtao.

This proposal had been telegraphed to Tokio, but Japan's decision has not yet been received.

If Japan persists in her endeavour to get outsiders into important Customs posts, thorny questions concerning the status of the service will be raised.

As the Customs revenues are pledged for the payment of foreign indemnities and loans, Japan's demands threaten China's credit and will certainly, if pressed, raise far-reaching international complications.

SHANGHAI TRADE.

Messrs. Ilbert & Co.'s latest Piece Goods Market Report says:—
Another thoroughly dull week has to be recorded, with a general falling off in clearances all round.

The estimate of the American cotton crop by the Agricultural Bureau is 15,970,000 bales, excluding linters, which are estimated at 600,000 bales. India also will be a large contributor this year to the world's huge supplies of cotton, which would have been welcomed by the cotton industries in any but the present times of war, poverty and dislocated trade.

The news of the further freeing of the sea to commerce, owing to the destruction of the *Sakura-maru*, *Giessemau* and *Leipzig* by the British squadron in the South Atlantic, with but little damage to themselves, is welcomed by mercantile interests with great acclamation.

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BASIL TAYLOE.
Hongkong, 30th December, 1914. [1489]

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Hongkong, 28th December, 1914. [1486]

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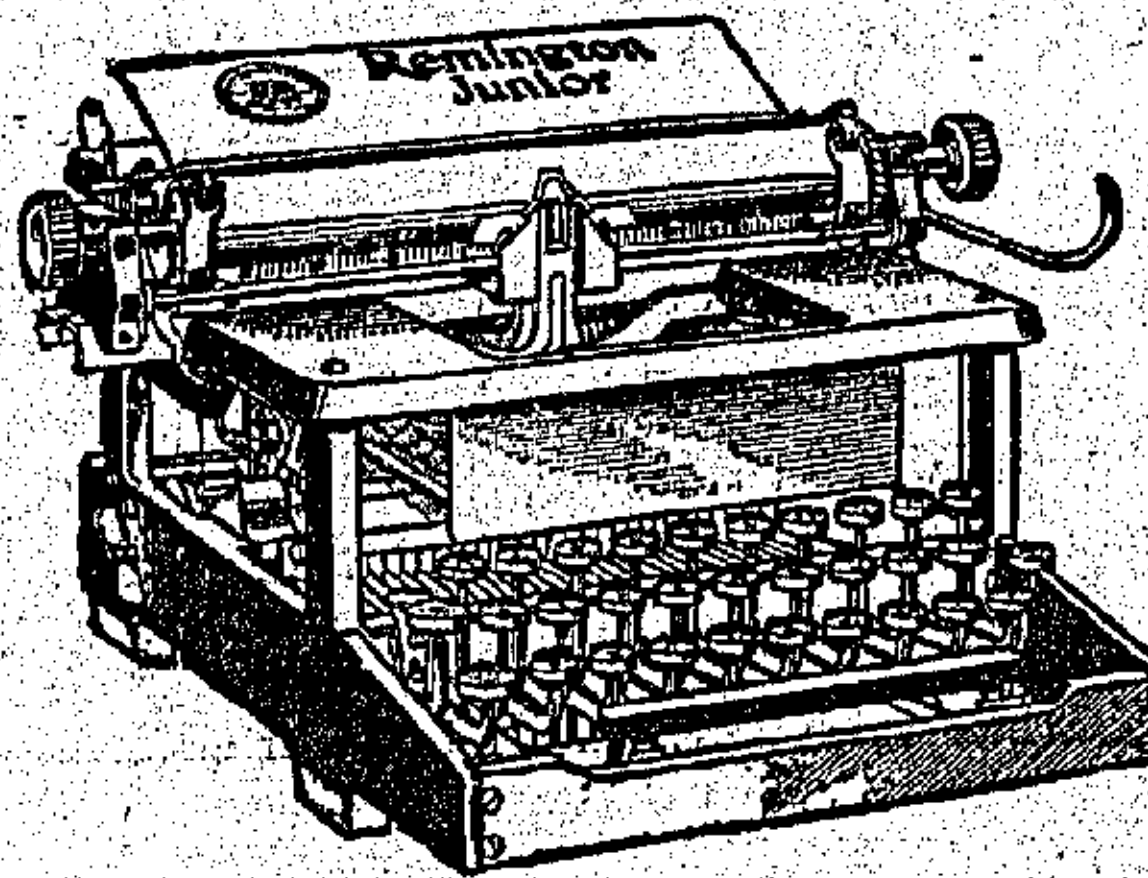
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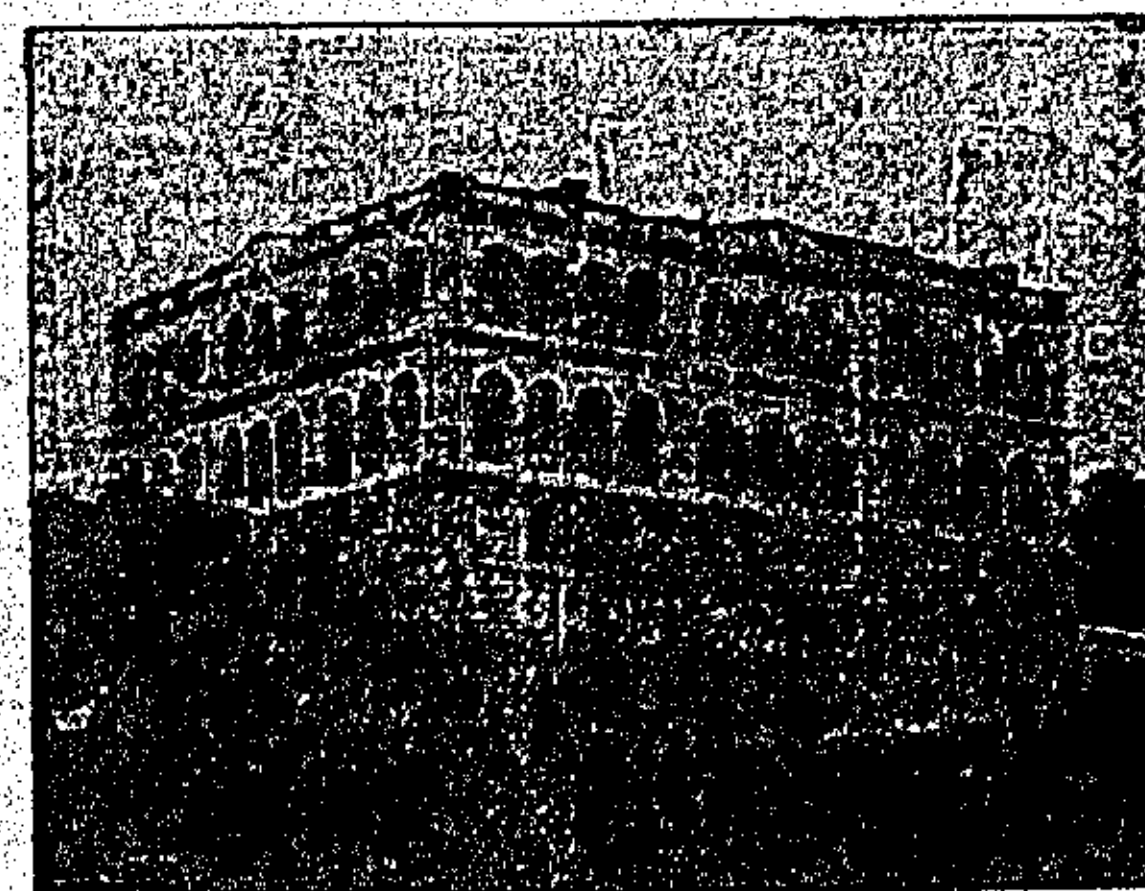
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undelivered after the 30th inst. will be subject
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19th Jan. or they will not be recognised.

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Hongkong, 23rd December, 1914. [1400]

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O. WUKU,
Agent.

Hongkong, 28th December, 1914. [1493]

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 CHINGKOW, British str., 1,196, J. Doyle, 29th December—Kwang Yen, 28th December, Lime Stone—Shewan, Tomes & Co.
 WADE, French str., 280, J. Pannier, 29th December—Haiphong 27th December, General—Order.
 KATO MARU, Japanese str., 2,085, Y. Yamamoto, 29th December—Swatow 28th December, General—Osaka Shosen Kaisha.
 KUBIKAWA, British str., 1,220, Forsyth, 29th December—Haiphong 25th December, Rice and Figs—Butterfield & Swire.
 KIKOROW, British str., 1,350, J. Martin, 29th December—Saigon 24th December, Rice and General—Chinese.
 KWONGSANG, British str., 1,476, Richard, 29th December—Swatow 28th December, General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
 LOONGSANG, British str., 1,003, W. G. G. Leask, 29th December—Manila 28th December, General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
 MENTENSHIRE, British str., 2,886, R. H. Dodd, 29th December—Portland 11th November, General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
 WAISHING, British str., 1,170, M. Picknell, 29th December—Hoikow 28th December, General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

SHIPPING REPORT.

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SHANGHAI	"KWONGSANG"	Sunday, 3rd Jan, D'light
SHANGHAI	"LIENSING"	Sunday, 3rd Jan, D'light
KOBE	"FAUSANG"	Sunday, 3rd Jan, D'light
SHANGHAI	"HANGSANG"	Tuesday, 5th Jan, D'light
TIENTSIN VIA SHANGHAI	"CHEONGSHING"	Tuesday, 5th Jan, D'light
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SECTIONS

1. From Green Island to the Harbour Master's. 2. From Harbour Master's to Blake Pier. 3. From Blake Pier to Naval Yard. 4. From Naval Yard to East Point.

DESTINATION	VESSEL'S NAME	FLAG & REG.	BERTH	CAPTAIN	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DESPATCHED
LONDON VIA USUAL PORTS OF CALL	NAGOYA	Brit. str.	—	W. H. Swany, R.N.E.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 1st Jan., at Noon.
LONDON & SINGAPORE, VIA PENANG, COLOMBO, &c.	NAGOYA	Brit. str.	—	W. H. Swany, R.N.E.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 1st Jan., at Noon.
LONDON	RADNORSHIRE	Brit. str.	—	Trisawa	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 21st Jan.
MARSHALLS VIA PORTS	FUSHIMI MARU	Jap. str.	—	Mages	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	Today, at 10 A.M.
VICTORIA, B.C., & TACOMA VIA KONGSANG & JAPAN	CORDELLIER	Frech. str.	—	H. Yamamoto	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	On 12th Jan., at 3 P.M.
VICTORIA, B.C., & SEATTLE VIA SHANGHAI, &c.	CANADA MARU	Jap. str.	—	Torano	OSAKA SHOSHUN KAISHA	On 6th Jan., at 3 P.M.
VICTORIA, VANCOUVER, SEATTLE, TACOMA & PLYMOUTH	TAMPA MARU	Jap. str.	—	T. Hamada	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 12th Jan., at Noon.
VICTORIA, B.C., & TACOMA VIA KONGSANG & JAPAN	GLENGYLE	Brit. str.	—	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 16th Jan.
NEW YORK VIA PANAMA CANAL	TACOMA MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	DOUGLAS & Co., Ltd.	On 28th Jan., at 3 P.M.
SAN FRANCISCO VIA SHANGHAI & JAPAN, &c.	CHAMBERLAIN	Brit. str.	—	—	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	About 30th inst.
SAN FRANCISCO VIA MANILA & JAPAN, &c.	CHITTO MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	TOYO KISEN KAISHA	On 5th Jan., at Noon.
MEXICAN, PERUVIAN & CHILE PORTS VIA JAPAN	CHINA	Am. str.	—	A. Dixon	PACIFIC MAIL S.S. Co.	On 12th Jan., at Noon.
AUSTRIAN PORTS VIA MANILA	MANOBUKA	Am. str.	—	G. L. Smith	PACIFIC MAIL S.S. Co.	On 19th Jan., at 1 P.M.
AUSTRIAN PORTS	NIKKO MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	TOYO KISEN KAISHA	On 9th Jan.
DELAGOA BAY, DURBAN, EAST LONDON, &c.	ALDENHAM	Brit. str.	—	—	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 13th Jan., at Noon.
KOBE	KATHIWAR	Brit. str.	—	—	GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.	On 29th Jan.
KOBE & YOKOHAMA	TUPANAS	Dut. str.	—	—	THE BANK LINE, LIMITED	Quick despatch.
KOBE	JINSEN MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 1st Jan., at 11 A.M.
KOBE & YOKOHAMA	KAMO MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 3rd Jan., at D'light.
KOBE	FAUSANG	Brit. str.	—	—	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 13th Jan., at 5 P.M.
NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	HITACHI MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 5th Jan., at D'light.
TIENTSIN VIA SHANGHAI	CHONGSHING	Brit. str.	—	—	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	To-day, at 10 A.M.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	DUMBA	Frech. str.	—	—	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	To-morrow.
SHANGHAI & KOBE	HAKATA MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	To-morrow, at Noon.
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SHANGHAI	LIENSHING	Brit. str.	—	—	TOYO KISEN KAISHA	On 1st Jan., at 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	LUOWOW	Brit. str.	1 m.	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 3rd Jan., at D'light.
SHANGHAI	ARADIA	Brit. str.	—	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 3rd Jan., at D'light.
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SHANGHAI	TIENSHING	Dut. str.	—	—	OSAKA SHOSHUN KAISHA	On 2nd Jan., at Noon.
NINGPO & SHANGHAI	HOHOW	Brit. str.	1 m.	—	OSAKA SHOSHUN KAISHA	On 6th Jan., at 10 A.M.
FOOCHOW VIA SWATOW & AMOY	KATO MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	OSAKA SHOSHUN KAISHA	On 3rd Jan., at 4 P.M.
ANPING & TAKAO VIA SWATOW & AMOY	SOSHI MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	DOUGLAS LARPAK & Co.	On 3rd Jan., at 10 A.M.
TAMSUI VIA SWATOW & AMOY	DANGI MARU	Jap. str.	3 h.	—	DOUGLAS LARPAK & Co.	On 3rd Jan., at 10 A.M.
SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW	CHITAO	Brit. str.	2 h.	—	DOUGLAS LARPAK & Co.	On 5th Jan., at 1 P.M.
SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW	HAMUN	Brit. str.	2 h.	—	DOUGLAS LARPAK & Co.	To-day, at 3 P.M.
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SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW	RYUOW	Brit. str.	1 m.	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 9th Jan., at 3 P.M.
MANILA	LOONGSANG	Brit. str.	—	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	Quick despatch.
MANILA	THAN	Brit. str.	—	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	To-day.
MANILA	YUENSANG	Dut. str.	—	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	End February.
BATAVIA, CHERIBON, SAMARANG, &c.	TIENSHING	Dut. str.	—	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 5th Jan., at 3 P.M.
BOMBAY VIA SINGAPORE & COLOMBO	KARAGOOM MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 2nd Jan., at 2 A.M.
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SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	NARHANG	Brit. str.	—	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	
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 CANADA MARU, Japanese str., 6,060, H. Yamamoto, 28th December—Tacoma 24th November, General—Osaka Shosen Kaisha.
 CANTON MARU, Japanese str., 1,997, S. Fujii, 24th December—Nagasaki 17th December, Coal—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.
 CHONGSHING, British str., 1,989, McC. Liddell, 28th December—Tientsin 21st December, General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
 CHITTO MARU, Japanese str., 7,280, Wm. W. Greene, 28th December—San Francisco 28th November, General—Toyo Kisen Kaisha.
 DAIYA MARU, Japanese str., 1,734, K. Goto, 28th December—Kansai 18th December, Coal—Mitsui Bishi Goshi Kaisha.
 FUSHIMI MARU, Japanese str., 6,673, S. Iriawata, 28th December—Yokohama 16th December, General—Nippon Yusen Kaisha.
 GLENTURRER, British str., 3,059, Jones, 25th December—Shanghai 22nd December, General—Shewan, Tomes & Co.
 HAIMON, British str., 641, A. H. Stewart, 27th December—Swatow 26th December, General—Douglas Lapraik & Co.
 HANGCHOW, British str., 999, Wake, 28th December—Daire 20th December, General—Order.
 HERCULES, Norwegian str., 2,997, Wilhelmssen, 25th December—Chingwan-tao 18th December, Coal—Chinese.
 HONG MOI, British str., 2,555, J. Thebaud, 25th December—Singapore 18th December, General—Order.
 HSIN FUNG, Chinese str., 1,385, Hamblin, 26th December—Tientsin 20th December, General—Chinese.
 HUE, French str., 709, A. Cornelson, 28th December—K. C. Wan, 27th December, General—A. R. Marty.
 ICHIO, British str., 1,293, L. F. Pike, 28th December—Tientsin 19th December, General—Butterfield & Swire.
 IXION, British str., 6,597, G. L. Stout, 28th December—Liverpool 8th November, General—Butterfield & Swire.
 KANSU, British str., 1,350, E. Monkman, 28th December—Swatow 28th December, Rice—Butterfield & Swire.
 KENKON MARU No. 5, Japanese str., 2,108, S. Sasaki, 27th December—Chingwan-tao, General—Order.
 KINTUCK, British str., 2,996, A. F. Gil-mour, 24th December—Singapore 18th December, General—Butterfield & Swire.
 KIRU MARU, Japanese str., 1,982, K. Ogawa, 27th December—Moji 20th December, Coal—Order.
 KIYO MARU, Japanese str., 5,757, H. Nagao, 28th December—Moji 22nd December, Coal—Toyo Kisen Kaisha.
 KWANGLEE, Chinese str., 1,469, McArthur, 28th December—Shanghai 23rd December, General—Chinese.
 LAUNTER, British str., 1,350, A. Jenkins, 27th December—Sagun 22nd December, Rice—Chinese.
 LOOCHAN, Russian str., C. Anastassoff, 28th December—Vladivostok, Timber—Russian Volunteer Fleet.
 LUOWOW, British str., 1,221, J. Meathrol, 27th December—Shanghai 24th December, General—Butterfield & Swire.
 NAMSANG, British str., 2,591, H. W. Gilroy, 28th December—Moji 21st December, Rice and General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
 PATELLA, British str., 3,301, J. R. Nasbet, 24th December—Singapore 17th December, Bulk Oil—Asiatic Petroleum Co.
 PROMETHEUS, Norwegian str., 1,024, N. Jensen, 25th December—Bangkok 18th December, Nil—Thoresen & Co.
 SABINE RICKMERS, Dutch str., 573, Scherm-mann, 28th December—Swatow 25th December, Ballast—Asiatic Petroleum Co.
 SUYEHINO MARU, Japanese str., 1,603, K. Iguchi, 24th December—Yeyama 21st December, Coal—Order.
 STANDARD, Norwegian str., 894, H. N. Bull, 28th December—Swatow 27th December, Rice—Thoresen & Co.
 TACOMA, British str., 4,096, Geo. Harding, 28th December—San Francisco 28th December, Petroleum—Standard Oil & Co.
 ULV, Norwegian str., 885, J. Pedersen, 27th December—Bangkok 17th December, Rice—Chinese.
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NEW YEARS HOLIDAYS.

On Friday, the 1st, and Saturday, the 2nd January, the Post Office will be open from 8 to 9 a.m. In the event of the arrival of the English Mail from Europe the Post Office will be open for one hour for the delivery thereof. There will be one delivery of ordinary correspondence and one collection of letters each day as on Sunday. There will be a delivery of Registered correspondence during the morning of the 2nd January. The Money Order Office will be entirely closed during the Holidays.

The Dumbear, with the FRENCH MAIL, is expected to arrive here to-day.

The Nagoya, with the MAIL FROM LONDON (via Siberia) of Monday, the 30th ult., is due to arrive here to-morrow.

The Arcadia, with the ENGLISH MAIL, left Singapore on Sunday, the 27th inst., and is due to arrive here on Friday, the 1st January.

FOR	PER	DATE
SHANGHAI, NORTH CHINA and JAPAN via Kobe	Dumbear ...	Wednesday, 30th, 9.00 A.M.
(EUROPE VIA SIBERIA) [Tientsin-Pukow Service Shanghai Brit. P.O. Monday, 4th prox.]		
Straits, Colombo, Suez, Port Said, Marseilles and United Kingdom	Fushimi Maru ...	Wednesday, 30th, 9.00 A.M.
Straits, Ceylon and India via Bombay	Rangam Maru ...	Wednesday 30th, 11.00 A.M.
Japan via Kobe, Victoria, Seattle, Tacoma, Vancouver, B.C. and United Kingdom via Canada	Ision ...	Wednesday, 30th, Registration ... Noon Letters ... 1.00 P.M.
Philippine Islands	Hutchow ...	Wednesday, 30th, 2.00 P.M.
Shanghai and North China Fort Bayard and Haiphong	Chipping ...	Thursday, 31st, 11.00 A.M.
Shanghai, North China and Japan via Moji	Kue ...	Thursday, 31st, 11.00 A.M.
Shanghai and North China	Willa ...	Thursday, 31st, 2.00 P.M.
Swatow and Bangkok	Standard ...	Thursday, 31st, 3.00 P.M.
		— JANUARY, 1915 —
STRAITS, BURMAH, CEYLON, ADELAIDE, WESTERN AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADELAIDE, EGYPT and EUROPE	Nagoya ...	Friday, 1st, 9.00 A.M.
The Parcel Mail will be closed to-morrow, at 5 P.M.		
SHANGHAI and NORTH CHINA (EUROPE VIA SIBERIA) [Tientsin-Pukow Service Shanghai Brit. P.O. Monday, the 4th Jan.]		
Hoikow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Kuichow ...	Friday, 1st, 9.00 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haiyang ...	Saturday, 2nd, 9.00 A.M.
Japan via Kobe	Yatarom ...	Saturday, 2nd, 9.00 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Kayo Maru ...	Saturday, 2nd, 9.00 A.M.
SHANGHAI and NORTH CHINA (EUROPE VIA SIBERIA) [Tientsin-Pukow Service Shanghai Brit. P.O. Thursday, 7th Jan.]	Chenan ...	Saturday, 2nd, 9.00 A.M.
Swatow	Haimun ...	Sunday, 3rd, 9.00 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy, Formosa and Tamsui	Daijin Maru ...	Sunday, 3rd, 9.00 A.M.
SHANGHAI, NORTH CHINA, JAPAN via NAAGAKI, HONOLULU, UNITED STATES, CANADA via SAN FRANCISCO	Chiyo Maru ...	Tuesday, 5th, Registration ... 10.30 A.M. Letters ... 11.00 A.M.
(EUROPE VIA SIBERIA) [Tientsin-Pukow Service Shanghai Brit. P.O. Friday, 8th Jan.]		
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haitan ...	Tuesday, 5th, 1.00 P.M.
Philippine Islands	Tam ...	Tuesday, 5th, 3.00 P.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa via Takao and Aspin	Sosho Maru ...	Tuesday, 5th, 4.00 P.M.
Shanghai, North China via Japan, Nagasaki, Victoria, B.C., Tacoma, and United Kingdom via Canada	Canada Maru ...	Wednesday, 6th, 1.00 P.M.
Philippine Is., Australia, Tasmania, New Zealand via Port Darwin and New Guinea via Thursday Island	Changsha ...	Friday, 8th, 11.00 A.M.
Japan via Moji, Honoluli, Hilo, Manzanillo, Salina Cruz, Callao, Arica and Iquique	Kiyo Maru ...	Saturday, 9th, 11.00 A.M.
SARONG, STRAITS, BURMAH, CEYLON, ADELAIDE, WESTERN AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADELAIDE, EGYPT and EUROPE (Late Letters 11.00 A.M. to NOON, Extra Postage 10 cents.)		
(Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail.)	Cordilliers ...	Tuesday, 12th, Printed Matter and Sam- ples ... 10.00 A.M. Registration ... 10.15 A.M. Registration with late fee of 10 cents up to 10.30 A.M. Registration ... 9.30 A.M. Letters ... 11.00 A.M.

LOCAL AND REGULAR MAILS.

FOR	ON WEEK-DAYS	ON SUNDAYS & HOLIDAYS
Tai Po ...	{ 10.00 A.M. 4.00 P.M. 2.00 P.M.	9.00 A.M.
Cheung Chow (Long Island) ...	4.00 P.M.	—
Shatin, Shatin and Sheungshui ...	4.00 P.M.	—
Abordoon, Aitau, Ping Shan, Sai Kung, Santui, Sinauay and Tai O ...	4.30 P.M.	—
Canton, Wuchow and Sam Shui ...	{ 7.30 A.M. 4.00 P.M. Except Saturdays	4.00 P.M.
Macao ...	{ 7.15 A.M. 1.30 P.M. 4.00 P.M. Except Saturdays	{ 5 P.M., Saturdays for despatch on Sundays.
Kamohuk and Kongmoon ...	4.00 P.M.	4.00 P.M.
Namtau and Saumei ...	4.00 P.M.	4.00 P.M.
Khamohun ...	{ 10.00 A.M. 4.00 P.M.	9.00 A.M.

In the case of Mails closing before 9 a.m. in the morning, Registration closes at 5 p.m. on the previous evening.

Registration—Correspondence can be registered for Mails to Europe, Canada and America up to an hour before the time of closure. Registered mails to Shanghai, Japan, Straits, India, Manila and the Coast Ports of China by other than contract steamers closed a quarter of an hour before the ordinary mail.

For Registration late fee by contract Packets, see time of closing above.

COMMERCIAL.

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	December 29th.
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On demand—Pecos	571
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On demand	6 1/2 p.m.
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On demand	871
SOVEREIGNS, Bank's Buying Rate	\$11.10
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FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

Friday, 1st Jan.—
New Year Day—Public Holiday.
Saturday, 2nd Jan.—
9.15 p.m.—A.D.C. at the Theatre Royal—
"Snowwhite and the Frog Prince."
Wednesday, 6th Jan.—
4.30 p.m.—Matinee A.D.C. at the Theatre
Royal—"Snowwhite and the Frog Prince."
Saturday, 30th Jan.—
3 p.m.—A Garden Fete in the grounds of the
University.

ON SALE.

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WEEKLY PRESS, JANUARY to JUNE,
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SHARE LIST—QUOTATIONS.

HONGKONG, 29th DECEMBER, 1914.

STOCKS.	NO. OF SHARES.	VALUE	PAID UP.	CLOSING QUOTA- TIONS CASH.	RETURN ON BASIS OF LAST DIV'D.
BANKS—					
Hongkong & Shanghai Bank Corporation	120,000	\$125	all	\$750	1100, 271.
China Bank Corporation, Limited	60,000	\$12	all	\$101, buyers	
China Light and Power Company, Ltd.	50,000	\$1	all	\$4, sellers	
China Provident Loan and Mortgage Co., Ltd.	200,000	\$10	all	\$71, buyers	
COTTON MILLS—					
Two Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Ltd.	20,000	Tls. 50	all	Tls. 117	
Hongkong Cotton Spinning Co., Ltd.	125,000	\$10	all	\$7, sel./buy.	
(In Liquidation)					
Dairy Farm Company, Limited	40,000	\$71	all	\$35, sellers	
DOCKS AND WHARVES—					
H'kong & Kowloon Wharf & G. Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$50	all	\$74, sellers	
H'kong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$50	all	\$59	
New Amoy Dock Co., Limited	10,000	\$63	all		
Shai Dock and Engineering Co., Ltd.	55,700	Tls. 100	all	Tls. 50	
Shai and Hongkew Wharf Co., Ltd.	36,000	Tls. 100	all	Tls. 85	
Green Island Cement Co., Limited	400,000	\$10	all	\$5.10, buyers	
Hongkong Electric Co., Limited	60,000	\$10	all	\$56, buyers	
Hongkong Hotel Company Limited	20,000	\$50	all	\$120, buyers	
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited	5,000	\$25	all	\$195, buyers	
Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$10	all	\$25	
H'kong & South China Steam Fishers Co., Ltd.	15,000	\$6	all	\$2	
H'kong Steel Foundry Co., Ltd.	15,000	\$10	all	\$10	
Hongkong Tramway Co., Ltd.	325,000	5/1	all	\$5.30, sal. & sel.	
INSURANCE—					
Canton Insurance Office Co., Limited	10,000	\$250	\$50	\$345, sellers	
China Fire Insurance Co., Limited	20,000	\$100	\$20	\$149	
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.	8,000	\$250	\$50	\$335	
North China Insurance Co., Limited	10,000	\$15	\$5	Tls. 145	
Union Insurance Society, Limited	12,400	\$250	\$100	\$750, sales	
Yangtze Insurance Association, Ltd.	12,000	\$100	\$60	\$205	
LANDS AND BUILDINGS—					
H'kong Land Invest. Agency Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$100	all	\$114, sellers	
Hongkong Central Estate, Ltd.	10,000	\$100	all	\$100	
Hongkong Land Reclamation Co., Ltd.	35,000	\$100	all	\$75	
Hongkong Estate and Finance Co., Ltd.	150,000	\$10	all	\$71, sales	
Kowloon Land and Building Co., Ltd.	6,000	\$50	\$20	\$44	
Shanghai Land Investment Co., Ltd.	78,000	Tls. 50	all	Tls.	
West Point Building Co., Limited	12,500	\$50	all	\$71	
Manchong tot Minj. Bochen					
Landown exploitation in Langkat	250,000	Gds. 10	all	Tls. 32, buyers	
MISCELLANEOUS—					
Chinese Engineering and M. Co., Ltd.	1,000,000	\$1	all	26/6	
Heewood Tin and Rubber Estate, Ltd.	822,000	21/	all	2/6	
Raub Australian Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	200,000	\$1	all	\$2.70, buyers	
Tonghai Mines, Limited	160,000	\$1	all	25/6	
Peak Tramways Co., Limited	25,000	\$10	all	\$10	
Philippine Co., Limited	50,000	\$10	all	\$0.75, buyers	
Pulper et Papeteries du Tonkin Societe des	75,000	\$10	all	\$5	
REFINERIES—					
China Sugar Refining Co., Limited	20,000	\$100	all	\$77	
Lyon Sugar Refining Co., Limited	7,000	\$100	all	\$17, sellers	
STEAMSHIP COMPANIES—					
China and Malacca Steamship Co., Ltd.	30,000	\$95	all	\$6	
Douglas Steamship Co., Limited	20,000	\$50	all	\$30	
H'kong, Canton & Macao S.S. Co., Ltd.	80,000	\$15	all	\$23, sellers	
Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd.	60,000 pref.	25	all	\$38, sal. & buy.	
60,000 def.					
Shell Transport & Trading Co., Ltd.	2,500,000	\$1	all	75/-, buyers	
Star Ferry Company, Limited	40,000	\$10	all	\$40	
South China Morning Post, Limited	6,000	\$25	all	\$23	
Steam Laundry Company, Limited	20,000	\$5	all	\$41, sellers	
STONES AND DISPERMANES—					
Yerrel, Wm., Limited	15,000	\$7	all	\$7, sellers	
Watson & Co. A. S. Limited	90,000	\$10	all	\$7, sellers	
Union Waterboat Co., Limited	50,000	\$10	all	\$18	

Loans.	Amount.	Value.	Interest.	Quotation.
Chinese Imperial 1888	Tls. 787,200.	Tls. 250	7 1/2 p. annum	Par.

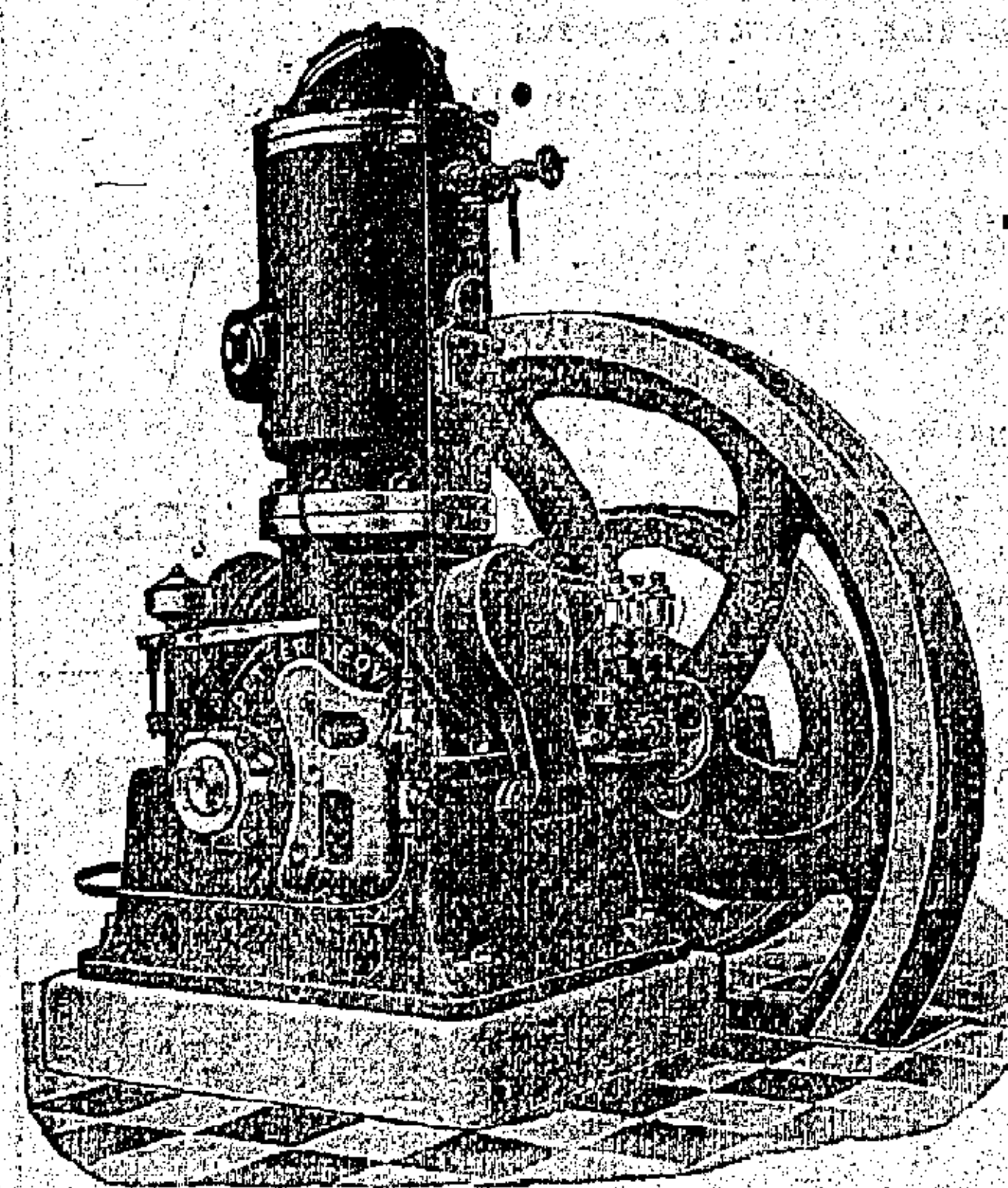
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